

Queen Victoria - 'Visible Plate' High Value Issues.

There are four 'High Value' stamps that bear visible plate numbers, the 5/-, 10/-, £1, and £5. All are known with Perfins, although it's true to say that there are very few of them, and that the higher the value, the fewer there are!



5/- Rose.

The first to arrive on the postal scene was the 5/- Rose which was introduced on *1st July 1867*. Two plates, plates 1 and 2, were used on 'Maltese Cross' watermarked paper. Plate 3 was neither registered, nor put to press, but plate 4 saw use on paper watermarked with a 'Large Anchor'. These 'Large Anchor' stamps on blued paper were issued *25th November 1882*. The stamp was replaced at the time of the 'Lilac and Green' issue, on the *1st April 1884*.

5/- Visible plate number issues.				
		Put to press	Watermark	Colour
Plate 1	Large <i>White</i> corner letters	18-Apr-1867	Maltese Cross	Rose
Plate 2	Large <i>White</i> corner letters	23-May-1874	Maltese Cross	Rose
Plate 3	---	Not registered	---	---
Plate 4	Large <i>White</i> corner letters	---	Large Anchor	Rose

10/- Greenish-grey, and Grey-green.

Only one plate, plate 1, was ever produced. This saw the light of day on 'Maltese Cross' watermarked paper, when issued on *26th September 1878*. From *February 1883* the stamp was produced on blued paper, soon to be replaced at the time of the 'Lilac and Green' issue, on the *1st April 1884*.

10/- Visible plate number issues.				
		Put to press	Watermark	Colour
Plate 1	Large <i>White</i> corner letters	6-Aug-1878	Maltese Cross	Greenish-grey
Plate 1	Large <i>White</i> corner letters	---	Large Anchor	Grey-green

£1 Brown-lilac.

Only one plate, plate 1, was ever produced. This was issued on 'Maltese Cross' watermarked paper on **26th September 1878** in a Lilac-brown colour. Later, in **December 1882**, it appeared on blued paper watermarked 'Large Anchor'. The stamp also appeared on white paper watermarked 'Large Anchor'. It was replaced at the time of the 'Lilac and Green' issue, on the **1st April 1884**.

£1 Visible plate number issues.				
		Put to press	Watermark	Colour
Plate 1	Large White corner letters	6-Aug-1878	Maltese Cross	Brown-lilac
Plate 1	Large White corner letters	---	Large Anchor	Brown-lilac

£5 Orange.

Only one plate, plate 1, was ever produced, which was originally used for the £5 Telegraphs stamp. The word POSTAGE replaced TELEGRAPHS, and was issued on **21st March 1882**.

£5 Visible plate number issue.				
		Put to press	Watermark	Colour
Plate 1	Large White corner letters	Early 1882	Large Anchor	Orange

Only **47** DD and **93** DDF Perfin dies (*including* the *unknown* 5/- and 10/-) have been reported on these early High Values, as shown in the table below. The two Watermarks involved are the 'Maltese Cross' (MX), and 'Large Anchor' (LA).

	Catalogue No.	Letters	Die in Use	5/-			10/-		£1		£5
			Plate >>>	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	1
			Watermark >	MX	MX	LA	MX	LA	MX	LA	LA
			Totals >>	19	26	21	8	8	6	2	1
1	A0185.01	A.A/&C ^o .	1883-1895			Pl 4					
2	A0630.01M	A/B&C ^o	1874-1893	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4			Pl 1	Pl 1	
3	A1280.04	A&C ^o	1869-1879		Pl 2						
4	A1350.01M	A&C ^o /L ^d	1881-1904				Pl 1	Pl 1			
5	B0640.01	B(rev)B&C ^o	1870-1924	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4					
6	B0890.01	B.B ^{rs} ..	1870-1877		Pl 2						
7	B4390.02M	B&L/H	1869-1881	Pl 1							
8	B7640.01	B.W.B	1872-1888		Pl 2						
9	C0910.01	C/B.R.P	1872-1873	Pl 1							
10	C1520.05	C&C ^o .	1873-1885			Pl 4					
11	C3730.02	C.LH/&S	1868-1910	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4	Pl 1		Pl 1		Pl 1
12	C3790.01	CITY/B ^k	1881-1886		Pl 2	Pl 4					
13	C4540.01M	C.L/L	1881-1890			Pl 4		Pl 1			
14	C5620.01M	CORY/C	1869-1881	Pl 1							
15	D0220.01M	D.B	1873-1890	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4	Pl 1	Pl 1			
16	D3590.02	DO/&C ^o	1881-1883		Pl 2						
17	D4390.07M	D&S	1870-1885	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4					
18	E1100.01	eDe	1875-1890		Pl 2						
19	E4920.02M	EU'P'N/MAIL	1868-1869	Pl 1	Pl 2						
20	F1300.01	F.E.G.	1873-1895		Pl 2						
21	G0600.01M	G.B.L/L	1871-1915	Pl 1		Pl 4					
22	G0970.02M	G&C ^o	1872-1885	Pl 1			10/- wmk n/k				
23	G5420.02	GW/A	1875-1895	5/- plate n/k							
24	H0575.01	HB&C ^{oy}	1880-1885			Pl 4					
25	H2905.01	H&G	1875-1885		Pl 2						
26	H6420.01	HSB	1871-1900	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4	Pl 1	Pl 1	Pl 1	Pl 1*	
27	H7490.01M	HUTH	1869-1885	Pl 1	Pl 2		Pl 1		Pl 1		
28	J0170.01M	JAFFE	1873-1895				Pl 1				
29	J0630.02M	JB&C ^o	1873-1885		Pl 2	Pl 4					
30	K0010.03	K	1882-1925			Pl 4		Pl 1			
31	L1320.01M	L/C&S	1875-1895		Pl 2	Pl 4	Pl 1	Pl 1	Pl 1		
32	L1320.02a	L/C&S	c1880						Pl 1		
33	M0550.01	M..B/&C ^o	1880-1885		Pl 2						
34	M0740.01	M/B.R.P	1873-1875	Pl 1							
35	N3790.01	N.Z.L	1882-1894	Pl 1	Pl 2	Pl 4	Pl 1	PL 1			
36	P3705.01M	P.P.R/&C ^o	1872-1874	Pl 1							
37	P4380.02M	P.S/NC	1878-1884		Pl 2	Pl 4					
38	R0330.02	R.B.	1870-1915		Pl 2	Pl 4					
39	R0875.01	R.C&C	1873-1874	Pl 1							
40	R4315.01	R.R.C/M	1874-1882	Pl 1							

41	S4850.03M	S&/McD	1880-1905		Pl 2						
42	S4920.01	SM/&C ^o	1868-1890	Pl 1	Pl 2						
43	S4920.03aM	SM/&C ^o	1882-1905			Pl 4		Pl 1			
44	S6560.01	S.S/&Co	1873-1885		Pl 2						
45	T0470.01M	T/B&C ^o	1870-1886			Pl 4					
46	W2970.01	WGA/&C ^o ..	1870-1925		Pl 2						
47	W5305.01	WM ^f /&C ^o .	1883-1895			Pl 4					

* Known on both blued and white paper. Perfin figures are correct to *8th April 2020*.